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1. THIS TELEGRAM TRANSMITS A STATEMENT OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN SRI LANKA MODIFIED IN ACCORD WITH THE
INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTELS.

2. AMBASSADORS GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - SRI LANKA.

I. CONSOLIDATION AND MAINTENANCE OF GOOD BILATERAL RELATION-
SHIPS:

-- MAINTAIN A LOW PROFILE BUT EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATION-
SHIP WITH PRIME MINISTER JAYAWARDENE AND MEMBERS OF HIS
GOVERNMENT.

-- MAINTAIN CONTACTS AND GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE ENTIRE
SPECTRUM OF ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTIES IN SRI LANKA, WITH
SPECIAL FOCUS ON THE SRI LANKA FREEDOM PARTY AND FORMER PRIME
MINISTER BANDARANAIKE, TO DEMONSTRATE CONTINUED U.S. IMPAR-
TIALITY TOWARD ALL SRI LANKA DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PARTIES.

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-- FACILITATE AND PROMOTE VISITS BY U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFI-
CIALS AND PRIVATE AMERICANS TO MANIFEST U.S. SUPPORT FOR DE-
MOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN SRI LANKA.

-- FACILITATE U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF IN-
VESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN SRI LANKA AS THE FREE TRADE ZONE
IS INTRODUCED AND PROMOTE PRIVATE U.S. EXPORTS IN RELEVANT
FIELDS.

- ENCOURAGE CONTINUED ACCESS OF U.S. NAVY SHIPS TO SRI LANKA AND THE PRESERVATION OF EXISTING VOA FACILITIES.
- PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES THROUGH DIRECT CONTACT WITH KEY INDIVIDUALS IN THE MEDIA, ACADEMIA, AND BY EFFECTIVE USE OF THE INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS.

II. ADOPTION OF A MORE EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

- FOCUS U.S. ASSISTANCE ON PROGRAMS TO ACCELERATE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY, INVESTMENT, AND EMPLOYMENT, PARTICULARLY IN AGRICULTURE.
- MINIMIZE THE USE OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL CONSISTENT WITH OUT DESIRE TO ENHANCE SRI LANKAN SELF-RELIANCE TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.

III. ENCOURAGEMENT OF AN ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES.

- ENCOURAGE THE JAYAWARDENE GOVERNMENT TO PLAY A MODERATING ROLE IN SRI LANKA'S CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.
- ENCOURAGE JAYAWARDENE GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW SHIRLEY AMERASINGHE TO MAINTAIN HIS PRESIDENCY OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE AFTER HIS DEPARTURE AS SRI LANKA'S UN PERMREP.
- ENCOURAGE SRI LANKA TO SUPPORT U.S. INITIATIVES ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BY DRAWING ON ITS OWN STRONG HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS.

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- GENERATE UNDERSTANDING BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA ON CERTAIN KEY ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE U.S. TO FACILITATE RALLYING BROADER NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT (E.G., PANAMA CANAL, PUERTO RICO, MIDDLE EAST, ETC.)

IV. INCREASE SUPPORT FOR U.S. INDIAN OCEAN POLICY

- PROMOTE AN UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. NAVAL DEPLOYMENTS INTO THE INDIAN OCEAN AND OF THE RATIONALE FOR OUR DIEGO GARCIA FACILITIES.
- ENCOURAGE THE JAYAWARDENE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE AN EVEN-HANDED PUBLIC POSITION ON U.S. AND SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.
- PROMOTE AN UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. INITIATIVES IN THE US/USSR TALKS ON MUTUAL MILITARY RESTRAINT IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

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